

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** Mining and Geological Engineers, Including Mining Safety Engineers (17-2151)

**Associated Occupation:** Environmental Engineers (17-2081)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

**Focus Occupation:** Mining and Geological Engineers, Including Mining Safety Engineers (17-2151)

**Associated Occupation:** Environmental Engineers (17-2081)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Engineering and Technology	5.7	21.7	20.6	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Design	5.2	17.2	16.6	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Mathematics	9.2	16.3	15.3	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Chemistry	4.8	15.8	10.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Physics	4.3	15.7	11.4	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Law and Government	5.9	13.6	12.5	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Building and Construction	4.0	13.0	10.7	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	12.0	10.9	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	10.0	5.0	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Transportation	4.6	9.0	8.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Geography	3.9	8.3	10.2	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

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**Associated Occupation:** Environmental Engineers (17-2081)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Reading Comprehension	10.7	16.4	15.7	0 Current skill level may be sufficient

Critical Thinking	10.8	14.5	15.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	13.9	14.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	13.9	15.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Systems Analysis	6.5	13.1	13.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	12.3	13.9	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Systems Evaluation	6.4	11.7	12.7	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	11.4	11.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operations Analysis	5.0	11.0	11.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	10.4	9.7	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Management of Financial Resources	3.3	7.2	9.8	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Programming	2.2	5.6	8.3	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Technology Design	2.6	5.5	7.3	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

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**Associated Occupation: Environmental Engineers (17-2081)**

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	17.0	14.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	16.2	15.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	16.1	16.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Comprehension	11.0	16.0	15.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	15.4	14.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	14.2	14.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	13.6	13.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	13.5	12.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	13.4	12.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Perceptual Speed	7.4	11.9	9.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	11.2	8.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

**Focus Occupation: Mining and Geological Engineers, Including Mining Safety Engineers (17-2151)**  
**Associated Occupation: Environmental Engineers (17-2081)**

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adhere to safety procedures	12
Advise clients or customers	19
Advise clients regarding engineering problems	67
Analyze ecosystem data	69
Analyze engineering design problems	69
Analyze engineering test data	71
Analyze project proposal to determine feasibility, cost, or time	69
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47
Analyze test data	64
Calculate engineering specifications	64
Collect scientific or technical data	30
Communicate technical information	4
Compile numerical or statistical data	38
Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel	25
Coordinate engineering project activities	71
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43
Delegate authority for engineering activities	73
Design engineered systems	75
Design waste recovery methods	85
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop plans for programs or projects	31
Develop policies, procedures, methods, or standards	21
Develop tables depicting data	33
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Direct and coordinate scientific research or investigative studies	27
Direct personnel in support of engineering activities	74
Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale	57
Evaluate costs of engineering projects	70
Evaluate engineering data	60
Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy	62
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Follow safe waste disposal procedures	50
Interpret aerial photographs	69
Lead teams in engineering projects	73
Plan construction of structures or facilities	75
Plan testing of engineering methods	72
Prepare reports	8
Prepare safety reports	60
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Provide analytical assessment of engineering data	75
Read maps	42
Read technical drawings	7

Resolve engineering or science problems	46
Supervise pollution control workers	92
Test equipment as part of engineering projects or processes	67
Understand construction specifications	53
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Use computer aided drafting or design software for design, drafting, modeling, or other engineering tasks	58
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques	50
Use government regulations	44
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use intuitive judgment for engineering analyses	72
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use knowledge of regulations in surveying or construction activities	78
Use land surveying techniques	80
Use library or online Internet research techniques	21
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use pollution control techniques	62
Use project management techniques	47
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use technical regulations for engineering problems	61
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Work as a team member	36
Write business project or bid proposals	48

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 77

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Audio and visual equipment	4
Business function specific software	1
Computer data input devices	2
Computer printers	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Surveillance and detection equipment	11

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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